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PERSONNEL CABINET SECRETARY LEAVING FOR ACTIVE ARMY RESERVE DUTY SATURDAY

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Secretary Erwin Roberts will spend two weeks in Germany

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Personnel Cabinet Secretary Erwin Roberts will leave Saturday for two weeks of duty in Germany with the United States Army Reserves, he announced today. Roberts is a Captain in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG), and is attached to the 139th Legal Support Organization, Team Two.

Roberts will be stationed at the 1st Army Division, Wiesbaden Army Airfield Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. While there, he will work on investigations and reports of survey, and provide general legal assistance in family and estate law, claims and other administrative law subjects.

"It is a privilege and an honor for me to serve my country," Roberts said. "While it's not the sacrifice the many soldiers who are fighting on the front lines in Iraq are making, it's part of my military obligation — a part I am eager and happy to fulfill."

Roberts is serves one weekend a month, plus 14 days of active duty each year, to fulfill his Reserve obligations. His two weeks in Germany will count as his two weeks of active duty for this year.

As with any state employee who is in the Reserve or National Guard, Roberts gets 10 days of paid military leave from state government per year.

"It is an honor to have a member of the Cabinet serving in active military duty," said Governor Ernie Fletcher. "I commend Secretary Roberts for his continued service to this administration, and to our country."

Personnel Cabinet Deputy Secretary Bob Wilson will oversee the Cabinet in Roberts' absence.